

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION SHEET**

- Cost must be \$5,000.00 or greater (Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents) per piece
- Priority must be given to schools exceeding 50% or more free and reduced eligibility
- Funding requests may include installation and transportation

Use equipment, obtained with the equipment assistance grant, principally in connection with the NSLP and NSBP operated under the National School Lunch Act of the Child Nutrition Act

- The school is ineligible if the school received Federal equipment assistance funds previously.

- **To apply for equipment assistance the SAU must return by close of business October 30, 2017:**

- Two written price quotes for the same make/model of equipment
- Completed application form
- Supplements to application form

- **Scoring will include:**

- Number of students at least 50% eligible for free and reduced: 40%
- Improve quality of lunch meals: 15%
- Improve safety of the NSLP: 15%
- Improve overall energy efficiency: 15%
- Ending Cashbook Balance June 30, 2017: 5%
- Number of Late Claims Filed SY 2017: 5%
- Value Per Child of Equipment: 5%

Maximize scoring by including as many categories as possible

- **To receive the money after approval, the SAU must return by deadline date: January 31, 2018**

- Signed agreement
- Completed equipment assistance claim form
- Paid invoice(s) for the approved equipment

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- Total amount available is \$71,777 (Seventy One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars)
 - Applications will be scored based on criteria indicated above
 - Scores will include agency representation and local representation
 - Awarded districts will be notified by November 31, 2017. The State Agency must receive the contract by deadline date January 31, 2018, no exceptions

Web address to stay current and find materials

<http://www.maine.gov/doe/nutrition/resources/index.html>